

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,
and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-31 (cancelled).

✓ 32. (new) A paint applicator which includes:

an engagement member,

a buoyant peripheral member,

a plurality of flexible arms which extend from the
engagement member and which join the peripheral member,

C4 and a plurality of spaced projections on the engagement
member adapted to engage a roller moving over the engagement
member thereby to cause rotation of the roller.

✓ 33. (new) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the
arms are equi-spaced.

|| 34. (new) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the
arms are resiliently deformable to allow limited movement of the
engagement member relative to the peripheral member.

✓ 35. (new) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the
arms extend non-radially from the engagement member.

✓ 36. (new) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the
engagement member is substantially circular.

✓ 37. (new) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the peripheral member is substantially circular.

✕ 38. (new) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the peripheral member is made from a plastic material of a cellular nature. ✓

39. (new) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the peripheral member is formed with a plurality of cells which are small to inhibit entrapped air in the cells from escaping if the peripheral ring is tilted relative to a paint surface on which the peripheral member is placed.

C4 ✕ 40. (new) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the engagement member defines an opening which is sufficiently large to permit insertion of a stirrer into paint with which the paint applicator is used.

41. (new) The paint applicator of claim 32, which includes a radially extending lip to inhibit dunking at least of the peripheral member in paint with which the paint applicator is used.

✕ 42. (new) The paint applicator of claim 32, wherein the peripheral member is formed from a foam material.

✕ 43. (new) A paint applicator which includes a buoyant supporting member with a surface which extends, in use, downwardly from a periphery to a central opening.

X 44. (new) The paint applicator of claim 43, wherein the member is made from a foam material.

+ 45. (new) The paint applicator of claim 43, wherein the member is made from a plastic material of a cellular nature.

= 46. (new) The paint applicator of claim 43, wherein the surface is non-planar.

- 47. (new) The paint applicator of claim 43, wherein the surface is arcuate.

48. (new) The paint applicator of claim 43, wherein the member is dimensioned to engage with end zones of a roller fluid applicator, to rotate the roller and to bring the roller into contact with paint with which the paint applicator is used.

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= 49. (new) The paint applicator of claim 43, which includes a floor, in the central opening, which is formed with a plurality of apertures.

+ 50. (new) The paint applicator of claim 43, wherein the member, in plan, has a shape which is rectangular, square or circular.

X 51. (new) The paint applicator of claim 32, which is buoyant when floated on paint.